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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

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1. MIYAZAKI, DG ECON AFFAIRS FONOFF, TOLD E/C MIN MAY 23 THAT GOJ HAS NOT YET FORMULATED AN INTER AGENCY RRECOMMENDATION FORFOREIGN MIISTER OF TACTICAL QUESTION (POSED PARA 3, REF A) ABOUT HOW BEST TO HANDLE COMMODITY PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH RESUMPTION OF PREPCON. REASON FOR DELAY IS ABSENCE OF ANY READING FROM OIL PRODUCERS AND OOTHER KEY LDC'S AS TO WHICH ALTERNATIVE (IF EIITHER) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. KIYAZAKI REITERATED BASIC GOJ DESIRE IS TO HAVE PREPCON RECONVENED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. EITH TACTICAL COURSE OF ACTION WHICH HAS BEST CHANCE OF PRODUCING THIS RESULT WILL HAVE GOJ SUPPORT. MIYAZAKI NOTED THAT WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS DEPARTURE FOR PAIRS MEETNGS THIS WEEKEND, IT WAS OBVIOUS MIYAZAWA WOLD NOT HAVE CLEAR NOTION OF PRODUCERS/LDC PREFERENCEE PRIOR TO IEA MNISTERIAL, UNLESS SECRETARY ABLE TO ADVISE MIYAZAWA AT PRIVATE MEETING. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MIYAZAKI INTENDS TO COUNSEL FORIEGN MINISTER THIS WEEKEND TO (A) ATTEMPT ASCEERTAIN FRON SECRETARY (AND ANY OTHER IEA REPRESENTATIVE WHO FEELS ABLE TO DO SO) WHETHER PRODUCERS/LDCS HAVE
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GIVEN CLEAR SIGNAL TO ANYONE--E.G. , THE SHAH DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT--ABOUT WHICH CURSE OF ACTION THEY PREFER, (B) OPT FOR WHATEVER TACTIC MOST LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO PRODUCERS/LDC'S AND(C) IF NO CLEAR READING

OF PRODUCERS /LDC DESIRES IS AVAILABLE AND IF FOOREING
MINISTER CONSIDERS HIMSELF PRESSED TO TAKE A POSITION,
OPT FOR ALTERNATIVE 2. MIYAZAKI PERSONALLY FEELS
LAUNCHING SERIES OF INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS
IN VARIOUSS FORUMS PRIOR TO PREPCON RUNS RISK OF GIVING
OIL PRODUCERS AND RADICAL LDCS O PORTUNNNY TO DECLINE
TO DISCUSS ENERGY PROBLEM SERIOUSLY UNTIL COMMODITY
WORK UNDERWAY ELSEWHERE PRODUCES CONCRET RESULTS.
MIYAZAKI SAID THAT THIS MIGHT TAKE 5 YEARS. MIYAZAKI THINKS
ALTERNATIVE 2 SOMEWHAT LESS DANGEROUD ALTHOUGH HE
RECOGNIZES RISK THAT SERIOUS WORK BY P/C CONFERENCE
COULD ALSO BE DELAYED BY PRODUCERS DEMANDING THAT WORK
ON ENRGY MOVE AT SAME PACE AS COMMODITY WORK IN
OTHER FORUMS, I.E. THE SAME 5 YEAR TIME FRAME. ONLY WAY
MIYAZAKI CAN VISUALIZE TO GET OUT OF THIS BOX IS FOR IEA
MEMMMBERS TON CONTINUE SHOW FLEXIBILITY THEYDEMONSTRATED
AT FIRST PREPCON BY AGREEING TL TAKE UP MANAGEABLE
NUMBER OFENERGY-RELATED COMMODITY PROBLEMS IN PRECON
AND PERHAPS P/C CONFERENCE ITSELF.

2. EMBOFFS ALSO MET WITH SENIOR MITI OFFICIALS AND
GAVE TUNDOWN OF CURRENT USG THINKING ON ENERGY AND
RELATED PROBLEMS AS PER VERY HELPFUL REFTEL. OFFICIALS
WERE APPRECIATIVE OF EXPLANATION, BUT WERE NOT PREPARED
TO GO BEYOND PREVIOUSLY STATED POLICY OF SEEKING EARLY
RECONVENING OF P/C PREPCON.
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